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SPEAKER of the ASSEMBLY

February 8, 2005

Liane M. Randolph, Chair
Commissioners Blair, Downey, Karlan and Knox
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: February 10, 2005 Commission Meeting
Agenda Item No. 14

Dear Chairman Randolph and Commissioners:

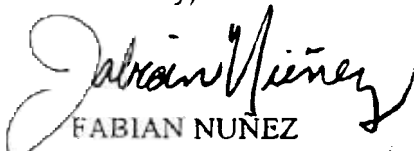
Please accept these comments on proposed Regulation 18750.2, which is part of Agenda Item No. 14 for your February 10, 2005 meeting.

Under subdivision (c)(5) of proposed Regulation 18750.2, the staff presents optional methods ("Decision Point 1") by which state public entities not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act would be required to give public notice of the proposed adoption or amendment of the entity's conflict of interest code. The Assembly is an entity to which this regulation would apply.

We support Option A, which would simply require the entity to publish the notice on the home page of its website. This is a practical and easy solution, which will give the public sufficient notice of the proposed conflict of interest code changes. By contrast, Option B, which requires publication on both the website and in three newspapers throughout the state, generates unnecessary work and expense with, we believe, little likelihood of expanding notice to the persons who are interested in the public entity's activities.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,


FABIAN NUNEZ
Speaker of the Assembly